

THE BEST OF GLEE CLUBS

FIFTY YOUNG NEW YORK SWELLS WHO SING DIVINELY.

A rehearsal for the Mendelssohn Singers in their rehearsal room at the Mendelssohn Club.

Fifty well-dressed, well-favored young men ranged in a semi-circle about one short, round, red-faced, individual, who was a baton frantically beating a music rack, and every now and again pausing to strike a few energetic chords on a piano which stands beside him.

"Well," he cries almost tearfully, "I can't help it. You will sing like that to better stop right here."

This outbreak is received in undisputed silence by the fifty young men. The passionate leader walks over to the corner and recovers his baton—a drama which he has enacted many times before—and the rehearsal proceeds.

The rich harmony of the fifty perfectly balanced voices once again fills the rehearsal hall; the boys are warming up to their work, and the homely-looking man who is conducting loses himself in the majesty of the music now at last rendered as he would have it: the wrinkles disappear from his forehead, the tone of enthusiasm and devotion is in his expression down his cheeks. His lips move; he is singing, too, borne along in the torrent of sound, although his voice is cracked and unmelodious. When the finale has been rolled forth with tremendous volume and inimitable precision, he breaks the baton by a wip and his face with an immense white handkerchief.

The spell is broken, and he becomes once again a critical leader: "It is better," he says, "that was better."

The enthusiast is Joseph Mendelssohn, director of the fifty young men, the Mendelssohn Club, and the rehearsal room at the Mendelssohn Club.

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WAYS OF MOUNTAIN DOVERS.

THE DELIGHTS OF STEALING A GIRL IN THE TUG RIVER REGION.

Elaborate by the Water Route—The Mountain Girl's Measure of a Hero—Winning Mouth of Pond Post Office, Pike County, Ky., Nov. 1.

In the mountains along the border roads between Kentucky and West Virginia, the Tug River, the eastern fork of the Big Sandy, is the dividing line between the two States. There is no lesson in geography or in any other branch of learning more firmly fixed in the minds of mountain folk than this.

It is a lesson which is learned by the mountain folk in a way which is not only a lesson in geography, but also a lesson in the art of stealing a girl.

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WHERE THE GELDINGS GO.

HARD TO TOP AN UNFORTUNATE CLASS OF THOROUGHBREDS.

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THREE FROM MANHATTAN.

Hampden County, Mass., Nov. 10.—Reading the other day in THE SUN of humorous happenings in various parts of the country, several recent local occurrences came to my mind.

One September evening in Mittineague, a village two miles west of here, the good people were gathered for a regular meeting of the young men's association.

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THE SHAW WHITE LAKES.

But there is a Painful Suspicion that His Strangeness Near Lake is a Fraud.

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A HORSE IN TROPICAL AFRICA.

He Makes a Big Straddle, and the Native Ask It Will Eat Them.

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